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## SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION

SOIL AND ROCK LEGEND, TERMS, SYMBOLS, AND ABBREVIATIONS				
SOIL DESCRIPTION	CRADATION	T	ROCK DESCRIPTION	TERMS AND DEFINITIONS
SOIL IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE UNCONSOLIDATED, SEMI-CONSOLIDATED OR WEATHERED EARTH MATERIALS WHICH CAN BE PENETRATED WITH A CONTINUOUS FLIGHT POWER AUGER, AND WHICH YIELDS LESS THAN 180 BLOWS PER FOOT ACCORDING TO STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (AASHTO T206, ASTM D-1588). SOIL CLASSIFICATION IS BASED ON THE AASHTO SYSTEM AND BASIC DESCRIPTIONS GENERALLY SHALL INCLUDE: CONSISTENCY, COLOR, TEXTURE, MOISTURE, AASHTO CLASSIFICATION, AND OTHER PERTINENT FACTORS SUCH	WELL CRADED- INDICATES A GOOD REPRESENTATION OF PARTICLE SIZES FROM FINE TO COARSE UNIFORM- INDICATES THAT SOIL PARTICLES ARE ALL APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SIZE. (ALSO POORLY GRADED)  GAP-GRADED- INDICATES A MIXTURE OF UNIFORM PARTICLES OF TWO OR MORE SIZES.  ANGULARITY OF CRAINS	ROCK LINE INDICATES THE LEVEL AT N SPT REFUSAL IS PENETRATION BY A S IN NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL, TH OF WEATHERED ROCK.	TERIAL THAT WHEN TESTED, WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL. AN INFERRED WHICH NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL. PLIT SPOON SAMPLER EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN Ø.1 FOOT PER 60 BLOWS.  TRANSITION BETWEEN SOIL AND ROCK IS OFTEN REPRESENTED BY A ZONE	ALLUVIUM (ALLUV.) - SOILS WHICH HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED BY WATER.  ADUIFER - A WATER BEARING FORMATION OR STRATA.  ARENACEOUS - APPLIED TO ROCKS THAT HAVE BEEN DERIVED FROM SAND OR THAT CONTAIN SAND.
AS MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION, ANGULARITY, STRUCTURE, PLASTICITY, ETC. EXAMPLE:	THE ANGULARITY OR ROUNDNESS OF SOIL GRAINS ARE DESIGNATED BY THE TERMS; ANGULAR,	ROCK MATERIALS ARE TYPICALLY DIVID		ARGILLACEOUS - APPLIED TO ALL ROCKS OR SUBSTANCES COMPOSED OF CLAY MINERALS, OR HAVING A NOTABLE PROPORTION OF CLAY IN THEIR COMPOSITION, AS SHALE, SLATE, ETC.
VERY STIFF, GRAY SILTY CLAY, WOIST WITH INTERBEDDED FINE SAND LAYERS, HIGHLY PLASTIC, A-7-6	SUBANGULAR, SUBROUNDED, OR ROUNDED.  MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION	ROCK (WR)	COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL THAT YIELDS SPT N VALUES > 100 BLOWS FOOT.	ARTESIAN - GROUND WATER THAT IS UNDER SUFFICIENT PRESSURE TO RISE ABOVE THE LEVEL
SOIL LEGEND AND AASHTO CLASSIFICATION  GENERAL GRANULAR MATERIALS SILT-CLAY MATERIALS	MINERAL NAMES SUCH AS QUARTZ, FELDSPAR, MICA, TALC, KAOLIN, ETC. ARE USED IN DESCRIPTIONS	- CRYCTALLINE FINE	TO COARSE GRAIN IGNEOUS AND METAMORPHIC ROCK THAT  D YIELD SPT REFUSAL IF TESTED. ROCK TYPE INCLUDES GRANITE,	AT WHICH IS IS ENCOUNTERED, BUT WHICH DOES NOT NECESSARILY RISE TO OR ABOVE THE GROUND SURFACE.
CLASS. (35% PASSING #200) (35% PASSING #200) UNGANIC MATERIALS	WHENEVER THEY ARE CONSIDERED OF SIGNIFICANCE.	GNE)	SS, GABBRO, SCHIST, ETC. TO COARSE GRAIN METAMORPHIC AND NON-COASTAL PLAIN	CALCAREOUS (CALC.) - SOILS WHICH CONTAIN APPRECIABLE AMOUNTS OF CALCIUM CARBONATE.
GROUP A-1 A-3 A-2 A-4 A-5 A-6 A-7 A-1, A-2 A-4, A-5 CASS. A-1a A-1-b A-2-4 A-2-5 A-2-6 A-2-7 A-2-6 A-3 A-6, A-7 A-2-6 A-3 A-6, A-7	COMPRESSIBILITY  SLIGHTLY COMPRESSIBLE LIQUID LIMIT LESS THAN 30 MODERATELY COMPRESSIBLE LIQUID LIMIT 31-50	ROCK (NCR) SEDI	MENTARY ROCK THAT WOULD YELLD SPT REFUSAL IF TESTED, ROCK TYPE JUES PHYLLITE, SAITE, SANDSTONE, ETC. TAL PLAIN SEDIMENTS GEMENTED INTO ROCK, BUT MAY NOT YIELD	COLLUVIUM - ROCK FRAGMENTS MIXED WITH SOIL DEPOSITED BY GRAVITY ON SLOPE OR AT BOTTOM OF SLOPE.
SYMBOL 000000000000000000000000000000000000	HIGHLY COMPRESSIBLE LIQUID LIMIT GREATER THAN 50	SEDIMENTARY ROCK SPT	REFUSAL. ROCK TYPE INCLUDES LIMESTONE, SANDSTONE, CEMENTED L BEDS, ETC.	CORE RECOVERY (REC.) - TOTAL LENGTH OF ALL MATERIAL RECOVERED IN THE CORE BARREL DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH OF CORE RUN AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.
X PASSING	PERCENTAGE OF MATERIAL  GRANULAR SILT- CLAY		WEATHERING	DIKE - A TABULAR BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK THAT CUTS ACROSS THE STRUCTURE OF ADJACENT ROCKS OR CUTS MASSIVE ROCK.
# 40 38 MX58 MX51 MN # 200 15 MX 25 MX18 MX 35 MX35 MX35 MX36 MX36 MX36 MX 36	ORGANIC MATERIAL         SOILS         OTHER MATERIAL           TRACE OF ORGANIC MATTER         2 - 3%         3 - 5%         TRACE         1 - 10%           LITTLE ORGANIC MATTER         3 - 5%         5 - 12%         LITTLE         10 - 20%	FRESH ROCK FRESH, CRYSTALS BRI HAMMER IF CRYSTALLINE.	GHT, FEW JOINTS MAY SHOW SLIGHT STAINING, ROCK RINGS UNDER	DIP - THE ANGLE AT WHICH A STRATUM OR ANY PLANAR FEATURE IS INCLINED FROM THE HORIZONTAL.
LIQUID LIMIT   40 MX41 MN 40 MX41 MN 40 MX41 MN 40 MX41 MN 50ILS WITH PLASTIC INDEX 6 MX N.P. 10 MX 10 MX 11 MN 11 MN 10 MX 10 MX 11 MN 11 MN LITTLE OR HIGHLY	LITTLE ORGANIC MATTER 3 - 5% 5 - 12% LITTLE 10 - 20% MODERATELY ORGANIC 5 - 10% 12 - 20% SOME 20 - 35% HIGHLY ORGANIC >10% >20% HIGHLY 35% AND ABOVE		DINTS STAINED, SOME JOINTS MAY SHOW THIN CLAY COATINGS IF DPEN, ECIMEN FACE SHINE BRIGHTLY. ROCK RINGS UNDER HAMMER BLOWS IF	<u>DIP DIRECTION (DIP AZIMUTH)</u> - THE DIRECTION OR BEARING OF THE HORIZONTAL TRACE OF THE LINE OF DIP, MEASURED CLOCKWISE FROM NORTH.
GROUP   INDEX   8	GROUND WATER   ✓ WATER LEVEL IN BORE HOLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER DRILLING.	SLIGHT ROCK GENERALLY FRESH, JO (SLI.) 1 INCH. OPEN JOINTS MAY	DINTS STAINED AND DISCOLORATION EXTENDS INTO ROCK UP TO CONTAIN CLAY. IN GRANITOID ROCKS SOME OCCASIONAL FELDSPAR	FAULT - A FRACTURE OR FRACTURE ZONE ALONG WHICH THERE HAS BEEN DISPLACEMENT OF THE SIDES RELATIVE TO ONE ANOTHER PARALLEL TO THE FRACTURE.
MATTER  MATERIALS SAND GRAVEL AND SAND SOILS MATTER	STATIC WATER LEVEL AFTER 24 HOURS.	· ·	DISCOLORED, CRYSTALLINE ROCKS RING UNDER HAMMER BLOWS.  ROCK SHOW DISCOLORATION AND WEATHERING EFFECTS. IN	FISSILE - A PROPERTY OF SPLITTING ALONG CLOSELY SPACED PARALLEL PLANES.  FLOAT - ROCK FRAGMENTS ON SURFACE NEAR THEIR ORIGINAL POSITION AND DISLODGED FROM
GEN. RATING AS A SUBGRADE  EXCELLENT TO GOOD FAIR TO POOR FAIR TO POOR UNSUITABLE	PERCHED WATER, SATURATED ZONE OR WATER BEARING STRATA  ONN SPRING OR SEEPAGE	(MOD.) GRANITOID ROCKS, MOST FE	LOSPARS ARE DULL AND DISCOLORED, SOME SHOW CLAY. ROCK HAS R BLOWS AND SHOWS SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF STRENGTH AS COMPARED	PARENT MATERIAL.  FLOOD PLAIN (F.P.) - LAND BORDERING A STREAM, BUILT OF SEDIMENTS DEPOSITED BY
P.I. 0F A-7-5 ≤ L.L 30 : P.I. 0F A-7-6 > L.L 30  CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS	MISCELLANEOUS SYMBOLS		DISCOLORED OR STAINED. IN GRANITOID ROCKS, ALL FELDSPARS DULL JORITY SHOW KAOLINIZATION. ROCK SHOWS SEVERE LOSS OF STRENGTH	THE STREAM.  FORMATION (FM.) - A MAPPABLE GEOLOGIC UNIT THAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AND TRACED IN
RANGE OF STANDARD RANGE OF UNCONFINED	SPI CPI		TH A GEOLOGIST'S PICK. ROCK GIVES "CLUNK" SOUND WHEN STRUCK.	THE FIELD.
PRIMARY SOIL TYPE CONSISTENCY PENETRATION RESISTENCE COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (TONS/F12)	WITH SOIL DESCRIPTION  OPT DMT TEST BORING  SAMPLE DESIGNATIONS		<u>PI REPUSAL</u> Z DISCOLORED OR STAINED.ROCK FABRIC CLEAR AND EVIDENT BUT REDUCED	JOINT - FRACTURE IN ROCK ALONG WHICH NO APPRECIABLE MOVEMENT HAS OCCURRED.
GENERALLY VERY LOOSE (4 COANILAD LOOSE 4 TO 10	SOIL SYMBOL AUGER BORING S- BULK SAMPLE	(SEV.) IN STRENGTH TO STRONG S	OIL. IN GRANITOID ROCKS ALL FELDSPARS ARE KAOLINIZED TO SOME OF STRONG ROCK USUALLY REMAIN.	LEDGE - A SHELF-LIKE RIDGE OR PROJECTION OF ROCK WHOSE THICKNESS IS SMALL COMPARED TO ITS LATERAL EXTENT.
GRANULAR MEDIUM DENSE 10 TO 30 N/A	ARTIFICIAL FILL OTHER THAN SS- SPLIT SPOON	IF TESTED, YIELDS SPT N		LENS - A BODY OF SOIL OR ROCK THAT THINS OUT IN ONE OR MORE DIRECTIONS.
(NON-COHESIVE) DENSE 3Ø TO 5Ø VERY DENSE >5Ø	ROADWAY EMBANKMENTS - CORE BORING SAMPLE ST- SHELBY TUBE		DISCOLORED OR STAINED. ROCK FABRIC ELEMENTS ARE DISCERNIBLE BUT REDUCED TO SOIL STATUS, WITH ONLY FRAGMENTS OF STRONG ROCK	MOTTLED (MOT.) - IRREGULARLY MARKED WITH SPOTS OF DIFFERENT COLORS. MOTTLING IN SOILS USUALLY INDICATES POOR AERATION AND LACK OF GOOD DRAINAGE.
VERY SOFT	MONITORING WELL SAMPLE	REMAINING. SAPROLITE IS	N EXAMPLE OF ROCK WEATHERED TO A DEGREE SUCH THAT ONLY MINOR ROCK FABRIC REMAIN. <i>IF TESTED, YIELDS SPT N VALUES &lt; 100 BPF</i>	PERCHED WATER - WATER MAINTAINED ABOVE THE NORMAL GROUND WATER LEVEL BY THE PRESENCE OF AN INTERVENING IMPERVIOUS STRATUM.
SILT-CLAY MEDIUM STIFF 4 TO 8 0.5 TO 1	INFERRED ROCK LINE  A PIEZOMETER  NSTALLATION  RT- RECOMPACTED		ICK FABRIC NOT DISCERNIBLE, OR DISCERNIBLE ONLY IN SMALL AND	RESIDUAL SOIL - SOIL FORMED IN PLACE BY THE WEATHERING OF ROCK.
(COHESIVE) VERY STIFF 15 TO 30 2 TO 4	SLOPE INDICATOR TRIAXIAL SAMPLE	SCATTERED CONCENTRATION ALSO AN EXAMPLE.	S. QUARTZ MAY BE PRESENT AS DIKES OR STRINGERS. SAPROLITE IS	ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (R.Q.D.) - A MEASURE OF ROCK QUALITY DESCRIBED BY: TOTAL LENGTH OF
HARD >30 >4	25/025 DIP/DIP DIRECTION OF INSTALLATION CBR - CBR SAMPLE  ROCK STRUCTURES		ROCK HARDNESS	ROCK SEGMENTS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 4 INCHES DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL LENGTH OF CORE RUN AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.
TEXTURE OR GRAIN SIZE	● - SOUNDING ROD SPT N-VALUE		KNIFE OR SHARP PICK. BREAKING OF HAND SPECIMENS REQUIRES	SAPROLITE (SAP.) - RESIDUAL SOIL WHICH RETAINS THE RELIC STRUCTURE OR FABRIC OF THE PARENT ROCK.
U.S. STO. SIEVE SIZE 4 10 40 60 200 270  OPENING (MM) 4.76 2.0 0.42 0.25 0.075 0.053	SPT REFUSAL  ABBREVIATIONS		IFE OR PICK ONLY WITH DIFFICULTY. HARD HAMMER BLOWS REQUIRED	SILL - AN INTRUSIVE BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK OF APPROXIMATELY UNIFORM THICKNESS AND RELATIVELY THIN COMPARED WITH ITS LATERAL EXTENT, WHICH HAS BEEN EMPLACED PARALLEL
BOULDER         COBBLE (BLDR.)         GRAVEL (GR.)         COARSE (SAND SAND SAND SAND (SL.)         CLAY (CL.)	AR - AUGER REFUSAL PMT - PRESSUREMETER TEST BT - BORING TERMINATED SD SAND, SANDY		N. IIFE DR PICK. GOUGES OR GROOVES TO 0.25 INCHES DEEP CAN BE / OF A GEOLOGISTS PICK. HAND SPECIMENS CAN BE DETACHED	TO THE BEDDING OR SCHISTOSITY OF THE INTRUDED ROCKS  SLICKENSIDE - POLISHED AND STRIATED SURFACE THAT RESULTS FROM FRICTION ALONG A FAULT OR
GRAIN MM 305 75 2.0 0.25 0.005 0.005 SIZE IN 12' 3'	CL CLAY SL SILT, SILTY CPT - CONE PENETRATION TEST SLI SLIGHTLY CSE COARSE TCR - TRICONE REFUSAL	BY MODERATE BLOWS. MEDIUM CAN BE GROOVED OR GOU	SED 0.05 INCHES DEEP BY FIRM PRESSURE OF KNIFE OR PICK POINT.	SLIP PLANE.  STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (PENETRATION RESISTANCE) (SPT) - NUMBER OF BLOWS (N OR B.P.F.) OF
SOIL MOISTURE - CORRELATION OF TERMS	DMT - DILATOMETER TEST  OPT - DYNAMIC PENETRATION TEST  - UNIT WEIGHT	HARD CAN BE EXCAVATED IN SM POINT OF A GEOLOGISTS	ALL CHIPS TO PEICES 1 INCH MAXIMUM SIZE BY HARD BLOWS OF THE PICK.	A 140 LB. HAMMER FALLING 30 INCHES REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A PENETRATION OF 1 FOOT INTO SOIL WITH A 2 INCH OUTSIDE DIAMETER SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER, SPT REFUSAL IS LESS THAN 0.1 FOOT PENETRATION
SOIL MOISTURE SCALE FIELD MOISTURE GUIDE FOR FIELD MOISTURE DESCRIPTION  OBSCRIPTION  OBSCRIPTION	e - VOID RATIO  F FINE  FOSS FOSSILIFEROUS  W - MOISTURE CONTENT  V - VERY		O READILY BY KNIFE OR PICK. CAN BE EXCAVATED IN FRAGMENTS INCHES IN SIZE BY MODERATE BLOWS OF A PICK POINT. SMALL, THIN YELDED A DESCRIPE	WITH 60 BLOWS.  STRA'A CORE RECOVERY (SREC.) - TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA MATERIAL RECOVERED DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATUM AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.
- SATURATED - USUALLY LIQUID, VERY WET, USUALLY (SAT.) FROM BELOW THE GROUND WATER TABLE LLLIQUID LIMIT	FRAC FRACTURED VST - VANE SHEAR TEST FRAGS FRAGMENTS	VERY CAN BE CARVED WITH KNI	TE. CAN BE EXCAVATED READILY WITH POINT OF PICK. PIECES 1 INCH NN BE BROKEN BY FINGER PRESSURE. CAN BE SCRATCHED READILY BY	STRATA ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (S.R.O.D.) - A MEASURE OF ROCK QUALITY DESCRIBED BY: TOTAL LENGTH OF ROCK SEGMENTS WITHIN A STRATUM EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 4 INCHES DIVIDED BY THE
PLASTIC   SEMISOLID: REQUIRES DRYING TO	MED MEDIUM  EQUIPMENT USED ON SUBJECT PROJECT	FINGERNAIL. FRACTURE SPACING	BEDDING	TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE. <u>IOPSOIL (T.S.) -</u> SURFACE SOILS USUALLY CONTAINING ORGANIC MATTER.
(PI) PLASTIC LIMIT	HAMISO TVOS	TERM SPACING	TERM THICKNESS	RENCH MARK. IRON PIN INSTALLED BY NCDDT AT STATION 14+33.7 CENTERLINE
OM OPTIMUM MOISTURE - MOIST - (M) SOLID; AT OR NEAR OPTIMUM MOISTURE	DATE ONLY	VERY WIDE MORE THAN 10	FEET VERY THICKLY BEDDED > 4 FEET.	BENUT PIANK:
OM OPTIMUM MOISTURE - MUIST - (M) SOLID; HI ON NEAR OFFINON MOISTORE  SL SHRINKAGE LIMIT	MOBILE B-	WIDE 3 TO 10 FEET MODERATELY CLOSE 1 TO 3 FEET	THINLY BEDDED 0.16 - 1.5 FEET	ELEVATION: 2304.6'
REQUIRES ADDITIONAL WATER TO - DRY - (D) ATTAIN OPTIMUM MOISTURE	6 CONTINUOUS FLIGHT AUGER CORE SIZE:	CLOSE Ø.16 TO 1 FEE VERY CLOSE LESS THAN Ø.	THICKLY LAMINATED 0.008 - 0.03 FEET	NOTES:
PLASTICITY	8 HULLOW AUGERS		THINLY LAMINATED < 0.008 FEET  INDURATION	BORINGS WERE SURVEYED AND STAKED BY NCDOT PERSONNEL CROSS SECTIONS AND PROFILE WERE DEVELOPED BY F & H USING CONTROL INSTALLED BY NCDOT.
PLASTICITY INDEX (PI) DRY STRENGTH	HARD FACED FINGER BITS NX	FCR SEDIMENTARY ROCKS, INDURATION IS	THE HARDENING OF THE MATERIAL BY CEMENTING, HEAT, PRESSURE, ETC.	The second secon
NONPLASTIC 0-5 VERY LOW	CME-550 TUNGCARBIDE INSERTS -H	FRIABLE	RUBBING WITH FINGER FREES NUMEROUS GRAINS; GENTLE BLOW BY HAMMER DISINTEGRATES SAMPLE.	
MED. PLASTICITY 16-25 MEDIUM	CASING WY AUVANCER HAND TOOLS:  PORTABLE HOIST TRICONE STEEL TEETH POST HOLE DIGGER	MODEDATE: W. PURINGERS	GRAINS CAN BE SEPARATED FROM SAMPLE WITH STEEL PROBE:	
HIGH PLASTICITY 26 OR MORE HIGH	TRICONE TUNG -CARR HAND AUGER	MODERATELY INDURATED	BREAKS EASILY WHEN HIT WITH HAMMER.	
COLOR	OTHER SOUNDING ROD	INDURATED	GRAINS ARE DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE WITH STEEL PROBE; DIFFICULT TO BREAK WITH HAMMER.	
DESCRIPTIONS MAY INCLUDE COLOR OR COLOR COMBINATIONS (TAN, RED, YEL-BRN, BLUE-GRAY) MODIFIERS SUCH AS LIGHT, DARK, STREAKED, ETC. ARE USED TO DESCRIBE APPEARANCE.	OTHER VANE SHEAR TEST	EXTREMELY INDURATED	SHARP HAMMER BLOWS REQUIRED TO BREAK SAMPLE;	
	OTHER		SAMPLE BREAKS ACROSS GRAINS.	
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